



COME  
TO ME, ALL  
YOU WHO ARE  
WEARY AND  
BURDENED,  
AND I WILL  
GIVE YOU  
REST.

MATTHEW 11:28

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## PENTECOST 5

July 5, 2020

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Again, a different form of the bulletin to keep you in touch. Here is your bulletin for today as we celebrate the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

### Prayer of the Day:

**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

### *A Reading from the Book of Genesis*

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?"

She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

## **Psalm**

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; forget your people and your father's house. The king will have pleasure in your beauty; he is your master; therefore do him honour. The people of Tyre are here with a gift; the rich among the people seek your favour." All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold. In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; after her the bridesmaids follow in procession. With joy and gladness they are brought, and enter into the palace of the king. "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; you shall make them princes over all the earth. I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

*Psalm 45: 11-18*

## ***A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans***

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Romans 7:15-25a*

## ***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew***

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling

to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

### **Sermon:**

Click on the little box below to view Pastor Jeff's sermon (or you can find it on the website under the separate heading "Sermons")

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Alrwdlq5YZa1gh5hwnukRaPo5a1F>

**Anthem:** "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"

Bach

(Click on the link below for the musical version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6OgZCCoXWc>



With thanks to God for many blessings,  
**Norma & Paul Hansen** have shared with us that they  
are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Congratulations Norma & Paul and may God  
bless you with many more years!

From all of us!

**HELP WANTED**

A Sunday School teacher is required starting in September for our younger children.

The class will consist of children from 3 years old, JK, SK, Grades 1 and 2.

If you are interested or would like more information,

***please contact Paula McNaughton  
at 519-273-2174.***

Thank you!

**“R & R SUNDAY - RESURRECTION & REUNION”**

As a result of Sunday Worship being cancelled until further notice and us not being able to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, Pastor Jeff is planning a **grand celebration** to commemorate Easter Sunday and the reunion of the congregation. This grand celebration will take place the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday we are allowed to open for worship** and will include decorations, flowers and coffee hour.

If you wish to donate so the **Women of Faith** group can purchase flowers and decorate the church for this celebration, please write **“R & R Sunday” and your name on a separate envelope**. You may either bring your envelope to the Church office any weekday between 8 AM and 1:30 PM or place it in the mailbox.

Thank you!!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ROTARY COVID MASK PROJECT:**

Our community needs access to quality reusable face masks as we continue to practice physical distancing through this pandemic. From the comfort of your own home the Rotary Club of Stratford is having volunteer sewers make quality face masks which are for sale to the community and local workplaces. **They have some volunteer sewers, but are looking for more!**

If you are interested in sewing Rotary COVID masks, please contact Jane at our office Monday to Friday between 8:00 am and 1:30 pm or the Rotary Club directly at [masks@rotarystratford.com](mailto:masks@rotarystratford.com).

Thank you!





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**THIS WEEK WE PRAY:**

>for our members and friends with special needs: Maria Kindler, Melvin Leasa, Ralph Herman, Beryl Horst, Margaret Wolfe, Ingrid Fraser, Rose Marie Schwalm, Nya Jimenez, Muriel Riehl, Karen Mogk, Ron Frank, Brian Gropp, Kolby McLeod.

>for the leaders of our community as they continue to guide us through the coronavirus pandemic.

>for the leaders of our congregation as we begin our preparation for returning safely to in-person worship.

>for the leaders of our health care facilities as they continue to care for those who are in need of medical assistance.

>for the leaders of pharmaceutical companies and research facilities as they continue their work on treatments and vaccines for the COVID-19 virus.

>for the leaders of schools, colleges, and universities as they make preparation for the opening of schools in the fall.

>for those who have no one to pray for them.

# JUST A REMINDER

WORSHIP REMAINS CANCELLED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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